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ABSTRACT

Though directed primarily to graduate psychology students, this revised and expanded edition is intended to assist everyone involved in patient care. The manual attempts to provide practical and easily understandable guidelines which can be used for each step in the provision of psychological services. Instead of documenting every possible approach to every potential issue, the manual embraces a simplistic approach so as to ease the practitioner's path through the complex and multilayered field of counseling. This specific approach allows for the provision of practical methods, thus enabling the newcomer to accomplish a variety of clinical tasks. It is hoped that the limitations inherent in occasionally presenting only one method are balanced by the advantage of giving the neophyte one method that will work. The areas covered include basics of psychological theory, psychopathology, the diagnostic interview, psychological testing, patient management, treatment methods, the clinical record, dispositional decisions, professional issues, supervision in clinical psychology, and research in a practicum setting. Numerous examples of interviews, reports, and records that the practitioner is called upon to conduct or compile are included throughout the text. Extensive tables detail various syndromes, tests, and classes of medication. Contains 160 references, a name index, and a subject index. (RJM)

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